

Note and Comment

The visit of a man like Bryan is an event of no inconsiderable significance. We all welcome the opportunity of seeing and hearing some one who has played a big part on a big stage and the crowded houses with which he was greeted were to be expected. As to the impression which he left, it differs in no material respect from that which most of those who have followed American politics from this distance during the past thirteen years had already formed. He is a kindly, whole-souled, gentleman, much in earnest, and with all the qualifications of an effective popular orator. The subject of his lecture was far removed from the hurly-burly of politics, but his treatment of it served to a considerable extent to give the measure of the man in regard to whom the American public has been three times called to make up its mind in a little more than a decade. Excellent though the motives which lay behind it were, graceful though the manner in which it was given, there was much that was superficial about the address. It no more touched the depths of religion than the "cross of gold" speech by which he rose to political prominence showed any appreciation of the fundamental principles of political economy. The majority of those who turned out to hear him were, it is safe to say, disappointed. They expected something from him in line with the work which has made him the celebrity that he is. But what was given them was a discussion of certain theological problems, which they had heard treated with much greater effectiveness over and over again from the pulpit. We think that Mr. Bryan is making a serious mistake in following the line that he has adopted. Not that we object to religious questions being taken up. But it would be better for him to leave them to others who will accomplish something of genuine value. He throws away a great opportunity of cementing international goodwill by failing to discuss before such audiences as greeted him this week subjects appertaining to the relations between the two great peoples of this continent. In this way he would do more real good and at the same time leave a better impression behind.

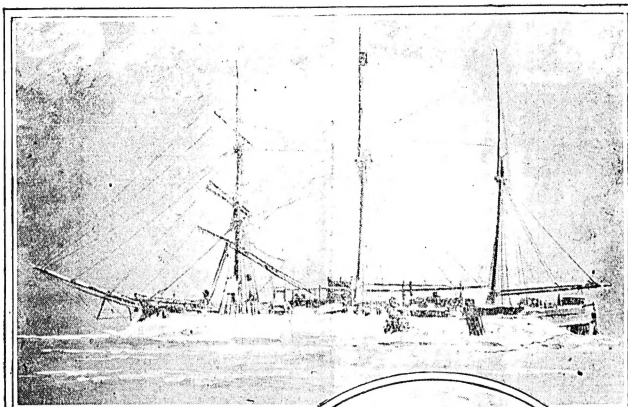
The interchange of visits on the part of the public men of the two countries is bound to have an excellent effect. There is no possibility that there will ever be a merging of their identities as long as the world is divided into nations, despite what Lord Courtney had to say during the past week. On this side of the border our national characteristics have been too strongly established for that. But in the interests of civilization every movement which tends to increase the friendliness of the two countries should be encouraged, and the man who spreads discord between two peoples, between whom so many natural ties exist, is a public enemy of the worst description. The proposal now being mooted to celebrate in a year or so the passing of one hundred years during which there has been unbroken peace between Canada and the United States is one which should awaken a universal response.

At the same time as we are talking of this peace celebration, however, the Government of the Dominion is arranging details in connection with the establishment of a Canadian Navy. To many the move, which will cost some twenty million dollars in the first place, and not very far from that as an annual expenditure has caused misgivings. Why, when we are making such progress in the way of peaceful development, it is asked, should we get mixed up in a vortex of militarism, with the toll which it makes on industry and the wrong ideals which it sets up? Mr. Magrath, the Conservative member for Medicine Hat, went on record during the past week as opposing the government's policy and a strong anti-government newspaper, the Regina Standard, had this to say in approval of his stand:—

"At length there has been discovered among western M. P.'s one who has the courage to speak out against the mad project of a Canadian navy. C. A. Magrath, representative of the Medicine Hat constituency is the man.

"Mr. Magrath was for many years an esteemed member of the Territorial Legislature. He is a

Our Own Captain Bernier



THE CANADIAN SHIP ARCTIC IN WINTER QUARTERS NEAR MELVILLE ISLAND

Amid all the Cook-Peary talk Canadians should not lose sight of the achievements of the Canadian explorer, Captain Bernier. On Saturday he addressed the Canadian Club in Ottawa and at the close of the proceedings, Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke as follows:

"Captain Bernier is a man," the premier declared, "who bears his laurels lightly and does not blow his own trumpets. He was commissioned to go and assert the jurisdiction of England through the government of Canada of lands to the north of the Dominion and he has carried out his instructions to the letter. He has told us that it was with tears in his eyes he was kept back by his sense of duty from going north. I may say to Captain Bernier, that next spring if he will undertake the work, we shall send him again to the Arctic with the same vessel and crew and give him all the latitude he wants. I know it is the desire of Canadians that the northern seas should be patrolled and Captain Bernier will be sent without limita-

tion. He may resume his trip and come back only when he thinks he has accomplished his mission. He may better hands than the hands of Cook to the pole or even beyond the pole if he desires. Such a mission could not be entrusted to safer or more capable hands than those of Captain Bernier."

of the burden which the status of nationhood involves. What is the alternative to the course which the government is now pursuing with the, up to the present, unanimous approval of the Canadian parliament? We either have to bear our share of the burden of defending the Empire, or be dependent on the taxpayers of the old land? Much as we may wish this ruinous competition in armaments could cease, ardently as we hope for the day when the law of the jungle will cease to apply as between nations, we cannot be a law unto ourselves. We are forced to take our part. While most of the war talk that finds its way into the newspapers cannot in any way be justified and those who indulge in it are, for the most part, making the wish the father to the thought, we cannot survey the field of European politics, however dispassionately, without realizing that the mother country is exposed to very real dangers and that before long she may need the help of the younger imperial nations. Sentiment counts for much in such a situation, but leaving it aside, the question presents itself, whether Canada can afford to see the position of Britain among the nations seriously challenged. She has fought the battle of free institutions in the past and may be called upon to do so again. Under these conditions it is our clear and bounden duty to strengthen her hands and incidentally our own in every possible way.

"Why cannot the great powers stand together to prevent plunder and to punish proud usurpers? They have done it before! Why should not a parliament of the nations pass and enforce international laws, just as the empires and their internal divisions and subdivisions enact and administer regulations by which the strong shall not oppress the weak?"

"Again, as Mr. Magrath points out, conditions are changing so rapidly that long before a navy patterned after nineteenth century models could be completed, modern methods and new inventions would render it as useless, as the proverbial white elephant.

"Canada has not the money and cannot afford to assume an attitude offensive. The greater victories are those of peace. Let these be sought rather than the cruel and costly carnage of human monsters claiming divine rights. This is an age when the people rule the world over. Let the people speak!"

The trouble is that it has not been possible to get a "parliament of nations" together to do what the Standard wishes. We live in an armed world and we cannot very well refuse to accept our share



CAPTAIN J. E. BERNIER

servatives, but it seemed our bounden duty to place if possible above the position of partizan strife, so vital and far-reaching, and to attain the standard which has for many years governed both political parties in Great Britain with respect to foreign relations.

"How the present administration will work out the policy which was outlined by the resolution to which I have alluded, remains to be seen. One governing principle at least should control, namely, that out of our own materials, by our own labor, and by the instructed skill of our own people any necessary provision for our naval defence should be made, so far as may be reasonably possible."

"In speaking of the necessity of provision for self defence, I absolutely disclaim the suggestion that I am actuated by any military sentiment. No one more thoroughly believes in every possible effort to maintain peace; but any nation may be called upon to defend itself in these latter days."

Mr. Borden also announced that during 1910 a Dominion convention of the Conservative party would be held. The possibility of such a gathering has been discussed for several years back. Of the need for it there can be no question. The party has been too much in the habit of framing its policy according to the province or the constituency in which it has for the time being been operating. That the western delegates will make their influence felt is certain and it would not be at all surprising if they should secure a considerable readjustment of the party's position along certain lines. The Kingston Standard has already assumed the leadership in a campaign for a change in the official tariff policy. It says:

"Yet a convention was bound to come—that there could be no doubt, and the wonder is that it was not recognized sooner. Times have changed conditions have changed, thoughts have changed in the last dozen years, and what was Conservatism a decade ago is not necessarily Conservatism now. For instance, the Conservative party was at one time wedded to the idol of high protection. We doubt if it is now. Rather we believe it will be found that Western Conservative sentiment inclines more and more to a tariff for revenue only, rather than to a purely protective tariff as such and that the Conservatives will let the Liberals, who latterly have adopted the one-time Conservative protective policy, coddle the trusts as they will, while the Conservatives will consider, not the trusts nor the protected manufacturers, but the consumers, the masses."

When the Standard and its friends meet Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, Mr. Richard Blain and a few others on the floor of the convention and the fiscal question comes up for discussion, there should be an interesting time of it, provided the former are prepared to face the issue. Up to the present politicians on both sides have been very diligently side-stepping it.

Sir Frederick Borden has come through his case against the Eastern newsdealer who circulated the paper containing the story reflecting on the minister's character, as successfully as was possible. The defendant was found guilty. Whether this will have the effect that the minister desires of stopping the talk which undoubtedly has interfered with his usefulness as a public man, is another question.

When the harvest is late and every day in the fields counts for a great deal, we often hear the question discussed as to whether the farmer is justified in letting a fine Sunday go by in idleness. Suppose cutting has commenced. A Sunday of splendid sunshine intervenes, on which if it had been a week day, many thousand bushels of grain could have been placed beyond the possibility of frost damage. On Monday bad weather set in and lasts for some days. It clears up cold and the grain is damaged. Has Sunday observance under these circumstances profited anybody?

A correspondent of the Nor' West Farmer, in the course of notes on a trip taken through the States, has these observations to make:

"The visitor from Western Canada to the West Central States sees much besides the agricultural conditions which remind him that he is away from home. It was a Sunday morning in early September that we left Winnipeg for the South. Following a week of strenuous toil in the harvest fields, the Manitoba farmers in the Red River valley seem content, and glad, for the one day of rest in seven, and a spirit of quietness came in through the open

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car windows from across the fields, thickly studded with grain stacks and from the many farmsteads that dot the lines of railways leading up the valley of the Red towards the American boundary line. The Sabbath spirit pervaded the air and it seemed good to live in a land where a wholesome reverence was felt for the first day of the week. The quiet did us good. But across the line what a change! The "unholy" American Sabbath has been a theme for frequent discussion by a certain class of religious workers on this side of the line for some time. In fact, we had about concluded that our American neighbors were unjustly criticized and that perhaps their non-observance of Sunday was overmuch emphasized. We have since changed our mind. From a Sunday morning scene of rest on the Canadian side, the setting was soon changed on the American side to a bustling, bustling busy day, not at all unlike a week day, so far as appearances from the car window indicated. First a large field of wheat was being cut with three binders; next a farmer was stacking his grain; further down the lines there were threshing machines in operation; and so on the process was being repeated until darkness shut off the view well on towards Minneapolis. The next morning was Monday, and of course everybody was working. We were told that it had been excessively wet in these particular districts, a fact which accounted in no small measure for the Sunday working. Aside from this, though, to a Canadian, the big league Sunday ball games, the Sunday matinees at the theatres, the public band concerts, etc., etc., in the cities seemed out of place. These country attractions take away from the day its element of rest and quietness and make the American nation a people who reverence the Sabbath less than might be desired.

The Saturday News yields to no one in the desire to strengthen the weekly day of rest as a national institution. The best of reasons should be given before Sunday work is countenanced. But even the most strenuous advocates of Sunday observance recognize that there are certain things that must be done on the first day of the week unless individuals and the public at large are to suffer. The picture which the Nor' West Farmer's correspondent presents of Sunday conditions on the Canadian side of the line is a decidedly more attractive one on the whole than that which he draws of those on the American. But we do think that the American farmers showed themselves wiser than their Canadian brethren. Common sense should prevail in the interpretation of the general rule.

Mr. Finlay has retired from the Alberta provincial cabinet, and Mr. Duncan Marshall, member for Olds, takes his place as Minister of Agriculture and Provincial Secretary, while Mr. W. A. Buchanan, member for Lethbridge City, and Mr. P. E. Lessard, member for Paken, enter the Cabinet circle without portfolio. This is the announcement which was made on Wednesday afternoon. It involves the first change of any consequence in the provincial administration since it was formed over four years ago. For a few months previous to his elevation to the senate Dr. Dever, of Lethbridge, was minister without portfolio. Otherwise the cabinet up to the present has been exactly the same as that which assumed the duties of government in September, 1905.

Mr. Finlay's retirement will cause widespread regret. He is a man of most likeable qualities and has made friends for himself wherever he has gone. He has applied himself to his work most assiduously, attending agricultural gatherings everywhere and making an excellent impression on all occasions. For some time past his health has been poor and it is to be sincerely hoped that, relieved of the worries of office, it will show speedy improvement.

His successor, Mr. Marshall, had a training which should fit him for the duties he is undertaking as Minister of Agriculture. The greater part of his life has been spent on the farm and he first rose to prominence as one of the organizers of the Patrons of Industry movement, which caused so much disturbance among the old-time politicians in Ontario in the early nineties. His experience with agricultural problems has therefore been no mere academic one. Since coming west four years ago he has been a prominent figure in Alberta politics, his reputation as a campaigner being too well known to

require any reference here. That he will prove a strong addition to the debating talent of the government goes without saying. Mr. Marshall is proprietor of the Olds Gazette and has a large farm near that town. Mr. Buchanan is a young man for whom the future should hold much. He has come to the front very rapidly during the four years that he has spent in Alberta. Taking hold of the Lethbridge Herald as a weekly, he has made it one of the best dailies in the country. The esteem in which he is held by fellow-craftsmen was shown at the recent convention of the press men of the province in Edmonton when he was elected their president.

Mr. P. E. Lessard is one of Edmonton's most widely known and most successful business men. He has long been recognized as a man of very considerable weight in political affairs and his entrance to the House and advancement to Cabinet rank has been expected for some years. His wide experience and sound judgment should make him a valuable acquisition to the Cabinet council board.

The Conservatives of the Twin Cities did honor to Hon. George E. Foster on Wednesday night by banqueting him at the Castle Hotel. Mr. Foster gave one of his well known fighting speeches which roused no little enthusiasm. No one ever questioned the ex-Finance Minister's ability. His efforts, both in and out of the House, are about as masterly in their way, as any that come from a Canadian parliamentarian. For a decade past he has not been a popular figure in the party ranks or with the general public. Recently, however, the very virulence of the attacks upon him have done not a little to rehabilitate him. Amid all the savage onslaught upon him, he has shown himself a good fighter, and a good fighter is bound to make friends. This probably explains the real cordiality of the greeting which he has received from his party associations on this western trip.

As was expected, Mr. J. M. Douglas, the nominee of the Liberal convention, was returned as member of the House of Commons for Strathcona without opposition. Mr. Douglas is to be congratulated on having secured his entrance to public life without having to go through the turmoil of a contest, though possibly he considers that that which preceded the Wetaskiwin convention was quite strenuous enough to satisfy an average man's love of excitement.

JASPER'S NOTE BOOK

A Weekly Tale of Two Cities

The study of real estate possibilities in a city with a recognized future is a very attractive one. Those who forecast development correctly and have the money to back up their ideas make fortunes. Those whose forecasts are all right but who have not the means to rest, can at least put themselves on the back and soliloquize that it was not the lack of brains, but a cruel fate, which kept them from being millionaires.

Since this department was started three or four years ago, the writer has propounded from time to time certain theories which he thinks should guide investors in Edmonton. With respect to business property, the problem is an easy one, if you have the price to secure a central location, than it is with residential. But that "if" excludes the great bulk of possible buyers, so that it is only with commercial offerings that most of us are concerned. When I have discussed these, there is one consideration to which I have always given primary importance. We must recognize that what makes Edmonton particularly attractive, as a place in which to live, is its situation overlooking a river valley of unusual beauty. The best residential locality must therefore stretch along the banks of the Saskatchewan. This is a view which I have presented over and over again and which I hold more and more firmly as the years go by. With the growth of population the better class of houses will keep pushing out further and further along the river banks.

These general observations I am repeating at present because of the renewed interest which has been shown within the past few weeks in the opening up of that singularly beautiful district which lies to the west of what is known as the Groat ravine. During the week, one of the properties in that direction, Capital Hill, has been placed on the market, the owner having an another part of this issue of the Saturday News. Capital Hill has been

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the objective point of many a morning ramble of mine and each time that I have visited the more impressed I am with its desirability as the site for a home. There is a glorious outlook in either direction. To the west stretches a rural landscape which cannot be matched in Western Canada and which can be equalled in few places on the face of the globe. To the east Edmonton and Strathcona lie in full view.

It is impossible to impart the enthusiasm which the situation excites through cold print. If you wish to share it, jump into a conveyance or take a little while and walk out and see for yourself. It will be worth your while, whether you are on investment intent or whether you only wish to learn how superb Edmonton's surroundings are.

The British Columbia legislature has been dissolved, elections to take place on November 25th. What gives the announcement a local interest is the fact that the government is going to the country on an agreement which it has entered into with the Canadian Northern for the construction of a line from the Yellowhead to Vancouver, traffic then to be carried by ferry across the straits to Vancouver Island, an ocean port being established at Barclay Sound. This work is to be completed in four years, the government guaranteeing the bonds at four per cent. To Edmonton such a project must mean much, in giving alternative route to the coast.

It should have the effect of stirring up the Grand Trunk to rush its work through more rapidly. The delay in the opening up of traffic to the east has been very exasperating. The railroad's name has been one to conjure with up to the present. In Eastern Canada the old Grand Trunk never suffered from an excess of popularity but it did look as if in this new country totally new conditions were to prevail. The present policy, however, will, if long continued, soon take away from the prestige of the line. One of the officials stated the other day that the road from Edmonton to Wainwright was all ready to operate. What excuse is there then, for not giving a service? To Edmonton business men, who had counted on the promises given by the G. T. (Continued to page eleven.)



PUBLIC NOTICE

Sittings of the District Court and of the District Judges' Criminal Court.

The sittings of the District Court and of the District Judges' Criminal Court will be held within the Judicial District of Athabasca on the dates and at the places following during the year 1910.

ST. ALBERT—

Commencing
Tuesday, February 1st.
Tuesday, May 10th.
Tuesday, September 20th.
Tuesday, December 13th.

RIVIERE QUI BARRE—
Wednesday, February 2nd.
Wednesday, May 11th.
Wednesday, September 21st.
Wednesday, December 14th.

LEGAL—

Tuesday, March 1st.
Thursday, June 2nd.
Thursday, October 6th.
Thursday, December 1st.

MORINVILLE—

Wednesday, March 2nd.
Friday, June 3rd.
Friday, October 7th.
Friday, December 2nd.

STONY PLAIN—

Thursday, January 13th.
Thursday, March 10th.
Tuesday, June 7th.
Tuesday, October 11th.

SPRUCE GROVE—

Friday, January 14th.
Friday, March 11th.
Wednesday, May 10th.
Wednesday, October 12th.

ATHABASCA LANDING—

Monday, January 24th.
Thursday, March 31st.
Monday, June 20th.
Monday, October 31st.

WABAMUM—

Thursday, February 10th.
Tuesday, April 19th.
Tuesday, September 13th.
Tuesday, November 22nd.

LAC STE ANNE—

Friday, February 11th.
Wednesday, April 20th.
Wednesday, September 14th.
Wednesday, November 23rd.

ST. PAUL DE METIS—

Tuesday, January 18th.
Tuesday, March 22nd.
Tuesday, June 14th.
Tuesday, October 18th.
Dated at Edmonton, 19th October, 1909.

S. B. WOODS,
Deputy Attorney General.

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Mr. Stephenson's Appointment

Mr. W. J. Stephenson, formerly of Wetaskiwin, has accepted a position with the Douglas Co., Limited, as manager. Mr. Stephenson has had a wide experience in the book and stationery business both in eastern and western Canada. In the past six years he carried on a successful book and stationery business in Wetaskiwin, and sold out about three months ago to go to the coast, but decided to return to Alberta's capital City.

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Some Improvements in the Civic Commission System.

Suggested by a Former Albertan Now Living at the Coast—What We Have to Learn from Des Moines.

It should be a matter of some pride to the citizens of Edmonton generally that the metropolitan cities of Canada are taking note of their city's experiment in government by commission and are looking to the progressive city of the northern inland empire in order that suggestions may be obtained as to the best features of this form of civic administration which seems to have been established by the successful working out of the Edmonton city charter. The Montreal Press has referred to Edmonton's successful experiment in government by commission, and is adopting a form of civic administration that embodies the principle of executive authority separated from the legislative in the council. Vancouver publicists too are turning their eyes towards Edmonton, seeking to learn from her model charter a way to secure an efficient system of city government, for Vancouver is still under that old form of administration, suited only to a village status—that admittedly cumbersome inefficient system of government by councils and committees of the council. It is a system that is not giving the best of satisfaction in the ambitious and energetic gateway city of the Pacific West, and while Vancouver is still free from civic scandal, there is evidently lacking something of efficiency, some-thing of far-sighted civic management in the administration of the city.

Publicists here recognize that Edmonton has gone the furthest of any city in Canada in adopting the purely commission idea in civic government. Other Canadian cities as Winnipeg, Toronto, and now Montreal, have gone to half hearted lengths in acceptance of the commission principle. When political misrule was laid at the door of the aldermanic body, the citizens of these cities petitioned the provincial legislatures for a form of civic administration which reduced the council to a legislative body, giving the executive power to an elective board or control. On the face of it this might appear to be a very good cure-all for the ills of aldermanic mismanagement, but from the actual experience of New York, where the board of Estimate and Apportionment, a body similar in status and functions to the elective board of control in Canadian cities, there is seen to result in this plan a diffusion of power and eventually a confusion of responsibility, whereas the need is for simplification of government and centralization of power. For under the board of control plan the council is weakened, and its executive powers handed over to another body, the elective board or control, over which the council has no authority. Thus responsibility is divided and a condition arises where it is impossible for people to know where to lay the blame when the civic machine goes wrong.

But Edmonton's system comes nearest to the plan of separating yet virtually uniting, the legislative and executive functions of the city's administration. The council hands over the executive functions to a body, the majority of the three members of which the aldermen appoint; that is the executive of the council is a board of commission of three members of which two are appointed by the council and subordinate to the council, and the third chief commissioner, is the elected mayor, who can appeal to the people for an endorsement of his stand on any

matter of policy. If the commissioners do not carry out the legislative mandates of the council, then the people's representatives have the remedy in their own hands. The aldermen may demand an investigation and on proof of mismanagement may re-organize the commission board. Thus efficiency is secured without dividing responsibility, for in the last analysis, under the Edmonton plan, on the alderman must rest the blame for civic misrule; the board of commissioners are the creatures of the council and are responsible to the council, and through the council to the people of the city for its good government in their executive capacity.

An Additional Provision.

But successful as the Edmonton plan has been in the point of securing progressive business-like management of public utilities and in general clean efficient civic administration, it is by no means the acme of perfection, and a consideration of the experiments in municipal government by commission now being worked out in several communities suggests changes, or modifications, of the plan that would, it is believed, tend to promote efficient government of the city by securing men of outstanding ability and technical training for the Commission board. For the lesson from Edmonton's experience undoubtedly is that there must be some provision in the commission plan whereby the appointed commissioners can, when occasion demands it, appeal beyond the aldermen, to the citizens for an endorsement of their actions whenever vital questions of administration are involved, else good, capable administrators, men of worth and of technical skill will hesitate to place their reputations in the hands of a body of aldermen, the majority of whom may be men of mediocrity and ready for cheap popularity to obey the behests of an unthinking or a mercenary section of the ratepayers.

Of interest in this connection is the experiment being tried out in Des Moines. The affairs of that city are under the direction of an elective board of control composed of five men elected at large, without regard to wards, sectional lines or party politics. Each member of the board is assigned the oversight of a special and distinct department, thus there is the aim to secure definite responsibility under the general plan of centralization of power. As a regulative factor in the hands of the citizens there have been embodied in the Des Moines system three principles of popular control—the recall, the initiative and the referendum, including the compulsory references of all franchises to the people. The recall is brought into operation when a commissioner has been found faithless to his duty or trust, the citizens by their votes removing and discharging him at any time without waiting for an election to leave him at home. The "initiative" gives the people power to enact legislation over the heads of the commissioners, thus stimulating progress in the administration of the city. Under the referendum provision if an ordinance, or by-law is not satisfactory, its reference to the popular will of the people may be enforced and a vote of disapproval would annul the grant of the commissioners. Thus the basic principle of the Des Moines constitution is a recognition of the supreme will of the people with the vesting of full administrative authority in the hands of

the governing board. While this elective executive are left with a free hand to despatch the city's business, the citizens at all times have the opportunity of placing their stamp of approval or rejection on the administrative actions of the governing body.

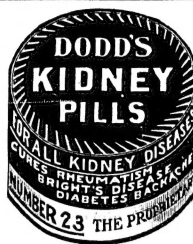
Should Learn From Des Moines

The Des Moines plan suggests where the Edmonton form of administration might be improved. The tendency of the Edmonton plan, publicists point out, is for the commissioners to consider their position rather than the highest interests of the city. Why should they run counter to the council if in so doing they imperil a comfortable job? Is it not better for them to sit tight, to step to the tune of the council majority in all things, sink their ideas and curb their progressive spirit if in so doing they can the better father their job? There have been incidents in the civic history of Edmonton, which seem to point to this being the moral for the canny commissioner to take note of.

But the Des Moines plan possesses a feature that might with advantage be engrafted on the Edmonton constitution. If the Edmonton Board of Commissioners could have the power, in the event of their formulating a policy progressive in its spirit yet not endorsed by a majority of the council, of appealing to the people over the heads of the non-progressive in the council, what an importance would be given to the commission body, what a stimulus to the members of the board to do more than "sit on their jobs"; what an attraction to good men, men of ability and progressive spirit, to seek the post of commissioner, and in their work to stamp their personality on the civic history of the city. The board of commissioners would be more than an automaton merely registering the will of the council and lacking in initiative and in civic zeal, but would be raised to the level of a board of directors in a great industrial or financial corporation, to the dignity of the executive council, or cabinet, of the legislature, and would be the real administrators of the city. An ideal condition this, such as would bring to the administration of the city all the efficiency of a board of directors of a well-managed private company or corporation. Perhaps in this city of Vancouver, young, progressive, backed by men of wealth and intelligence, there may in time be evolved a system of civic government, that will apply the principles of democratic rule as these principles are found working successfully in the administration of the affairs of the province, of the commonwealth, and of the empire, without the evils of party politics.

AN OLD-TIME ALBERTAN.
Vancouver, Sept. 29, 1909.

She was a frivolous, fashionable young woman with beaux galore, but one man with only a small income seemed to be the favorite. "You'll have to work hard before you win that girl," said his mother. "And a good deal harder after you win her," answered the father, who knew what he was talking about.



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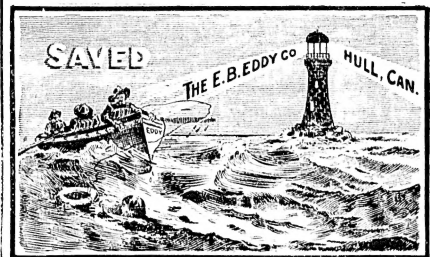
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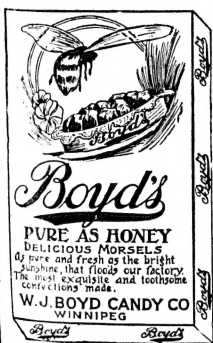
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Anything more absolutely unreliable and aggravating than the street car service at the Capital, I have yet to discover. Some one insists that they have a time schedule. I don't believe it. By the memory of many three-quarter hours waits on sundry street corners I swear it. They run when the spirit moves them, or by fits and starts when the motorman wants to get some exercise. When this happens three cars at a time take to the road, run a mad scamper, refusing to stop for such incidental things as passengers, and pull in at the car barns, exhausted for the day. It's a pretty spectacular system, the cars look well when you can get a glance at them, but it isn't business.

Candidly, when are we to have an even half-hour regular service? As matters are at the present time shoals of people are fighting shy of moving beyond the most centrally located streets, because no one has the very least atom of faith in any promises made with regard to the trolley service. The manners of a great many men running cars are a further cause for complaint. Can't the city scare up something less dual or regal to direct the power and control the nickels?

Again and again I have been witness to positive insolence on the part of the employees. They refuse to stop at the streets mentioned when the fares were collected. Reminded of the fact they suggest that walk of a block "is good for what ails you." A passenger isn't even allowed time to collect an umbrella before the call out in the cap and brass buttons comes: "Here, you get along with you, or I'll ring the bell to move on." It isn't long and again, it is steady, persistent impertinence day in and day out.

I saw an old lady running to catch a car one day this week, and the conductor deliberately pulled the rope when she was a few feet away. I had a witness to this fact. Mr. Conductor merely laughed. You see they run on schedule time—when it suits their purpose. I have seen car after car, not full, deliberately run past passengers. It is just about time to raise the Conservative battle-cry: "It is time for a change."

Guests arrived any old fashion at Mrs. Duncan Smith's tiny Five O'clock on Tuesday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Jack O'Neil Hayes' mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Ford, of England. It was a small party, merely a few friends to make the acquaintance of the guests of honor, but it served, nevertheless, to call forth a marked degree of individuality when it came to the selection of portable methods of conveyance. Of course, the cars were out of commission, then goes without saying, and one had put a salt-shake of snow on the dear car-tracks. It was wet underfoot, and too late when the guests tumbled to the fact that there were no cars coming to walk, which accounts for women in dainty frills and furbelows descending in state from gravel cars and grocery rigs and limos. However, all things have their compensation, and certainly the little coterie who gathered about the crackling camp fires, or the delightfully but simply arranged tea-table, seemed in more jollier spirits than is their wont. The hostess herself was looking charming, wearing a lovely princess frock of clinging pale blue crepe de chine, with the finest lace and insertion garniture.

The new house was being admired on all sides, the pretty square hall, delightful big living-room, the dining-room and den, all having the undeniable attraction that only a genuine home-maker with artistic instincts knows how to impart.

The guests of honor, and those invited to meet them, alike seemed loath to leave such pleasant surroundings, but duty unhappily, has an insistent voice, and at 6.30, the cars having taken another thought, most of the guests were home once more, feeling that they had had an afternoon of real adventure, for which—to the city—many thanks.

Among those who enjoyed this jolly tea I noticed: Mrs. James, of Vancouver; Mrs. Nightingale, and her guest, Miss Burnham; Mrs. Pardee and her visitor, Miss Quinn; Mrs. Cantley, Mrs. Bower-Campbell, Mrs. Braithwaite, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Hemwood, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Dickey, Mrs. Dickens, the Misses Watson, of Portage la Prairie, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Jack Hayes, Mrs. Hyndman, Mrs. Goldwin Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. O'Neil, while Mrs. Donald Macdonald and Mrs. Seoble poured tea and Miss Mary Beek, Miss Mulcahy, and Miss Mary

Barnes and the young daughter of the house, Miss Eileen, in a dainty white muslin frock, assisted.

Mrs. Duncan Smith has chosen the first and third Wednesdays for her reception days.

Mrs. Ford and Miss Ford, formerly of England, are visiting Mrs. Jack O'Neil Hayes. It is a visit of an unusually interesting nature in that Mrs. Hayes has not even seen her mother and sister for eighteen years.

The first annual general meeting of the Edmonton Dramatic Club will be held in the Masters' Piano Co.'s premises, Alberta Block, Jasper street, on Thursday evening at 8.30 p.m. It is hoped that it will be convenient for you to attend and bring with you any one interested. If you are unable to come but wish to become a member, kindly send your name either to D. L. Robinson, P.O. box 1907, or A. E. Nash, 206 Windsor Block.

Mrs. Pace and Miss Kathleen Pace, left on Thursday for their future home in Winnipeg. During the last of her stay in town Mrs. Pace was the guest of Mrs. Herring Cooper, while Miss Kathleen, after a visit at the same hospitable house, spent the last few days at the homes of a number of her girl friends.

Mr. Sommerville and Miss Abby Sommerville who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Robert Mays, for the summer months, accompanied by winsome little Jocelyn Mays, left for Santa Barbara on Wednesday. It is an open secret that on her next visit Miss Sommerville will make an indefinite stay at the capital, where she is to be married to a young newspaper man.

Edmonton has a lasting attraction for most people, and even Santa Barbara's myriad charms have never been able to win the allegiance of at least one, and I believe more than one, of the Sommerville family.

Word was received early on Sunday by Mr. Mowat Biggar, of the very sudden death in Toronto of his father, Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, for many years City Solicitor of Toronto, and prominent in business and social circles.

Mr. Biggar has been practically an invalid for years, but there was no apparent warning of his very sudden end. A little over a year ago his wife died, so that Mr. Mowat Biggar, and Dr. James Leo Biggar, of Edmonton, and the two daughters, Mrs. Christopher Robinson, of Toronto, and Miss Jean Biggar also of that city, have been bereft of both parents in practically one year.

To the entire family the sympathy of all who know them will be extended.

A particularly sad touch is added to the affair in that Miss Jean Biggar only a short while ago arrived on a visit to Edmonton, being here when the news arrived. Both she and Mr. and Mrs. Mowat Biggar and the latter's mother, Mrs. Whitney, left for Toronto on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Biggar will return towards the end of the coming week.

Mrs. H. I. Millar of Wetsaskiwin has been spending a few days in town, the guest of Mrs. Frank Sommerville. I noticed her at several last week's teas enjoying a chat with old-time friends.

Mrs. Frank Sommerville is home again and is looking exceedingly well after her long holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Richards expect to move into their new house on Edward st., out in the Great estate, some time during the coming week.

During their short stay at the Capital, Mr. and Mrs. William Jennings Bryan were guests at Government House, Mrs. Buley entertaining at high tea on Monday in Mrs. Bryan's honor, covers being laid for twelve.

While the business men of the city were dining the three-defeated Democratic candidates for the Presidency of the United States, the fortunate women invited as Mrs. Buley's guests were making the acquaintance of his devoted comrade and wife, a rather quiet and unostentatious woman, but very delightful to meet.

The mistress of Government House received her guests in a rich robe of amethyst chiffon velvet, trimmed with rare jewelled pastermentrie and large velvet buttons, the yoke being of white net shrouded in amethyst tulle, with which was worn some lovely ornaments.

Mrs. Bryan was in a handsome toilette of black silk Grenadine in a basket pattern, some exquisite lace

applique being employed on both skirt and bodice. Her jewels were diamonds and emeralds, a beautiful necklace of these stones set in platinum being worn. The table was charmingly arranged with a tall Bohemian glass jar of yellow 'nuns, on a handsome centrepiece of Hardanger lace. The repast was of the daintiest, and so altogether happily did the whole affair pass off, so charming was the hostess in extending her hospitality, so delightful the guest of honor, that it was nearly eight when everyone rose to enjoy a half hour's chat with the intensely human and interesting lecturer of the evening, who dropped in with the Governor before going on to the rink. Of that pleasant half-hour I shall perhaps tell you another time. It was all too brief and before we knew it was over, and we were being driven to listen to our erstwhile raconteur in the role of a lecturer.

Those who had sat down to High Tea and were later the guests of His Honor and Mrs. Buley at the lecture were:

Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. C. W. Cross, Mrs. H. C. Wilson, Regent of Westward Ho Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire; Mrs. Ferris, Regent of the Heather House Chapter, Mrs. Bellamy, President of the Y. W. C. A., Mrs. Cantley, President of the Local Council of Women, Mrs. John A. McDougall, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Ward, wife of the secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and Mrs. Balmer Watt. Mrs. Rutherford was unfortunately unable to be present.

Mrs. Buley will not receive this month, and probably not until the third Thursday in November, her regular day.

Thursday and Friday found a seemingly endless stream of smart women making their way to Mrs. Andrew Frith's post-nuptial receptions. Both in the cars and on foot, everyone one met seemed destined to call on this popular bride, and when one finally did arrive at the house itself it was to find the cosy artistic rooms overflowing with still other people we knew.

Mrs. Frith was looking radiantly happy doing the honors of her beautiful little home, artistic as to its minutest appointments, and better still with the air of a house planned lovingly, and furnished for real comfort, not for outward show.

The living room is the cheeriest apartment, small but suggesting roominess, with dark raftered ceiling, hung with the quaintest brass lanterns. There was a merry fire burning in the big grate as one entered, so easily inviting that callers found it hard to tear themselves away and face the windy day without doors. All about were vases of bright crimson carnations, and the hostess was wearing a very pretty and most becoming frock of soft old-rose crepe de chene, with gold lace introduced on the bodice.

On Thursday Mrs. MacMahon assisted the bride in the drawing-room, while Mrs. O'Kelly, who was looking stunning in a white serge costume and a picture hat wreath with soft shaded grey plumes, served the ice, and Mrs. Hislop, very chic in palest grey silk with glistening diamante yoke and berthe and a large black hat, poured the tea, while the very new Mrs. de la Roche, and Miss Mulcahy, of Orillia, were a bevy of pretty assistants.

On Friday, Mrs. Jamieson, assisted Mrs. Frith in receiving, while Mrs. W. Macdonald, and Mrs. J. D. Harrison, did the honors of the tea table, and Miss Tilly, Miss Graves, Miss Belcher, Miss Taylor, and Miss Violet Wilson assisted.

The table was beautifully done with a tall brass basket of great golden mums, on a large filmy lace centre with brass shaded candlesticks and a most artistically crimson-shaded electrolier shedding a soft light over all. Besides their tour of the downstairs suite, privileged friends were permitted a glimpse of the upstairs rooms, the clever arrangement of which with their dainty appointments elicited a great deal of admiration.

Mrs. Frith will receive in future on the first Monday of the month.

Mrs. Hector Landry will hold her post-nuptial reception on Tuesday next and receive after that every third Wednesday.

Mrs. Walter Pitfield has chosen the first Wednesday of every month as her reception day.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell, 433 Thirtieth street, will receive on Wednesday, October 27, and after that on the third Wednesday of each month.

Mrs. Alex. J. Richards, 467 Thirtieth street, will receive Thursday, October 28, and in future, the second Wednesday of every month.



YES, its Thanksgiving on Monday, so Friday and Saturday will be busy days with shoppers. We offer a few suggestions which may assist in making a decision. But every department has suggestions of its own and we ask you to take a survey of the goods themselves, since it is impossible to quote more than a small fraction of them all.

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Mrs. Ambrose Dickens' matinee bridge on Monday in honor of her visitors, Miss Florence and Miss Alice Watson brought together practically all of the bridge-loving set in town, six tables engaging in play, quite a number of others dropping in later for tea.

Mrs. Dickens received her guests in a handsome ribbed satin gown in the modish peacock green shade, a little vest of white net and lace adding just enough of a contrast to make it vastly becoming. Miss Watson was wearing a stunning pale blue Charmeuse satin gown with exquisite lace that fitted her perfectly, while Miss Alice was in a lovely shade of old gold satin with touches of gold, and lace garniture, both gowns being very much admired.

At the conclusion of play tea was served in the cosy dining room, and the pretty prizes awarded, the table being most seasonably decorated with lovely autumn leaves and crimson carnations; Mrs. Pardee and Mrs. Joseph Morris doing the honors, while the Misses Watson, Miss Belcher, and Miss Mackie passed the delicious refreshments.

Mrs. William Lines will receive for the first time since her marriage on Thursday next.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Cornwall left on Tuesday for a trip east. Mrs. Cornwall having changed her plans for going on to the coast.

Mrs. Barney Cooper had an exceedingly bright and well done tea at her delightfully cosy home on Third street on Thursday afternoon, at which her shoals of friends proved their appreciation of the pleasant event by responding in record numbers.

Mrs. Cooper, who is looking the picture of health and happiness after her summer of camp life, received her guests wearing a very rich and most becoming gown of figured nure satin, with some exquisite Limerick lace garniture.

Mrs. Pace, the raison d'être of the party, was also looking very smart, her gown being an empire, of an amethyst shade, scintillated most elaborately.

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The new General Hospital across the Bow is rapidly assuming a finished look. The main building from an exterior point of view is nearly finished and the grading of the grounds in the front is being done. The plastering inside is practically finished, and most of the future work to be done consists of carpenter's work, heating, electric light and plumbing. It is a fine building and should accommodate a great many patients. Architecturally it is not remarkable, but is built for utility.

Calgary's bank clearings for the past week were \$2,175,000 or a 51 per cent. increase.

Everyone is sorry to hear of the sad mishap that took place and caused the death of Mr. Duncan Ross, who took carbolic acid on mistake for cough syrup. It is not generally known that common vinegar is the best antidote to carbolic acid, either externally or internally. It can be applied externally to burns from carbolic acid and internally diluted. In this case the dose may have been too strong for any remedy, but it is well to keep in mind that in case of an accident with carbolic vinegar can be used as a possible curative, is simple and usually handy.

I have always been a great believer in the possibilities of advertising, and few people that have not had some practical experience are aware how difficult it is to place advertising properly and where it will reach the right kind of people. Few people are aware what a lot of time and work is needed before advertising begins to tell.

It is therefore interesting to quote a recent interview with Mr. Wm. Whyte, of the C. P. R. in the *Albertan* of the 16th.

W. H. Whyte, second vice president of the C. P. R., reached the city yesterday afternoon from Edmonton, where he went with a delegation of Winnipeg citizens to urge the provincial government to assist in raising a fund for an international exposition at Winnipeg in 1911.

The government declined to grant the request, but Mr. Whyte announced last night that an association will be formed and an effort will be made to raise the money for the same. He said:

"The action of the Alberta government will not deter us at all. We will go right ahead with our plans. The action taken, though well intentioned, is a mistake. The reason given by the government for declining to grant our request was that it needs its funds just now too much for building new schools, roads and buildings. I admit that it is taking a great deal of money for that purpose, but I hold that it could be placed to just as good advantage in building an exposition. We are told that the people are coming here now faster than they can be handled. That is absurd. And I might say in this connection that what immigrants are coming in are being influenced by the advertising done by the Canadian Pacific."

But as a matter of fact, while there are some people settling in the winter wheat belt, there are comparatively few going into the country to the north. The settlers are not coming here fast enough yet to suit me. That is why I would like to see the exposition. It would mark a great event in Canadian history, and also two years of peace in the republic to our south. It would afford an opportunity for the people of this country, the United States, Great Britain and other nations to show what each has to offer to the other. It would give a wonderful impetus to the immigration to Canada, which is now only fairly begun."

There is no doubt but that we need advertising, but will the exhibition in Winnipeg advertise Alberta to the same extent as if we used the \$250,000 ourselves? This may be selfish, but we must consider that we are some way from Winnipeg, and the effects of spending \$250,000 in Winnipeg might not reach this far. Our provincial government has a great

the river, which was submitted October 13th, was carried by a large majority, only thirteen voting "Nay." This will give the street car system a fine opportunity to sprout out and give a good belt line. This move is distinctly in the interests of a greater Calgary.

Mr. D. D. Mann, when in Calgary, gave out some interesting details in regard to the C. N. R. railway, which is coming from Vegreville, via Camrose on to Calgary and will be here by next fall. The Red Deer River will be reached this fall. Mr. Mann does not approve of having the freight traffic station in the heart of the city. The grading of the C. N. R. to Camrose to Stettler, is about completed. This road has made a great record for fast building this summer.

E. I. Peel, secretary of the Children's Aid, has sent a communication asking that persons who are able to give donations of cast off clothing to children and adults, notify him at his office. His letter follows:

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For Thanksgiving Day, October 25th the Canadian Pacific Railway Company announce a rate of fare and one third for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale October 22nd to October 25th inclusive, final return limit October 27th.

"Unless you give women the ballot we will boycott you—we will not marry you," is the ultimatum to mankind issued by Mrs. Belmont, the New York suffragette leader. What a horrible threat! How our eligible bachelors would tumble over one another to get tied up with a female of the Pankhurst variety.

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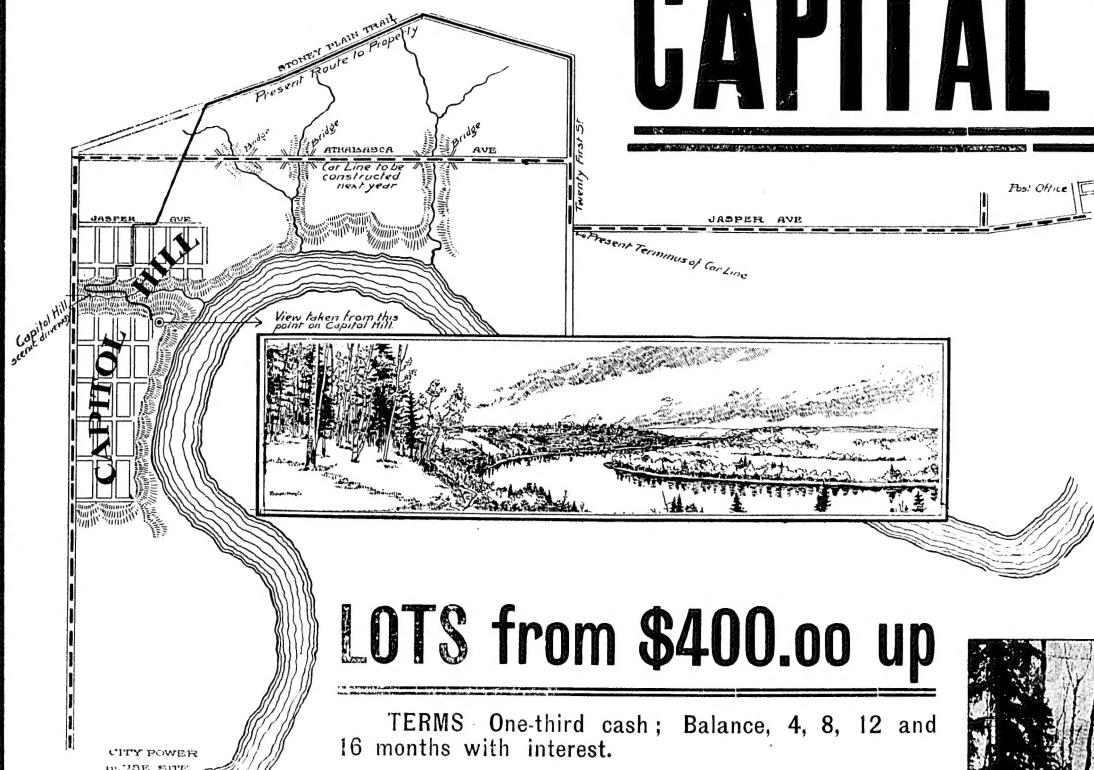
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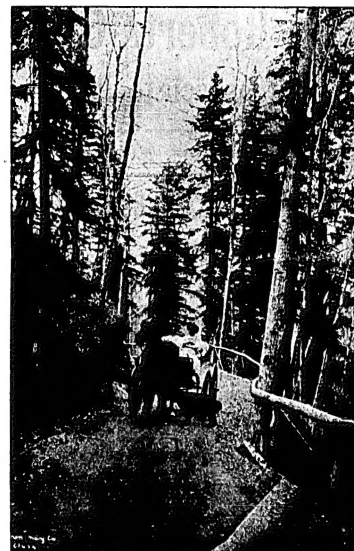
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Prof. Watts, who will preside at the console, is but newly arrived, from the Maritime Provinces, where his standing as an organist and musician is of the very highest rank. For this opening recital he is preparing an elaborate programme in which he will practically make his debut before an Edmonton audience. It is safe to say a treat is in store for those who attend. In addition the choir will render the "Infirmatus" from the Stabat Mater and Lloyd's Te Deum. The soloists will be Miss Ethel Webster, Soprano, and Dr. A. C. de L. Harwood, Tenor.

At the Edmonton

May Roberts-Gillard has been playing at the Edmonton Opera House to audiences which were far from what they should have been in view of the merits of the offering. Miss Gillard is a very clever actress and in "Madame Satan" which held the boards at the first of the week, she and those associated with her had an excellent medium for the display of their talent. The story of the play has already been told in this column in connection with the notice which was given of the production in Calgary, in which city the company played to big business. The burden falls almost wholly on Miss Gillard as the adventures Stephanie, and on Mr. L. Victor Gillard, as Sir Horace Welby. The three acts cover a duel between their wits in which there is an exceptionally fine lot of dialogue and many striking dramatic scenes. That in the last act is particularly worthy of mention. Both principals rose fully to their roles and those who witnessed their work will be anxious to see them in the other plays which they will produce during their visit of two weeks. If they are not greeted with crowded houses during the latter part of their stay, it will constitute a severe reflection on the taste of the city's playgoers.

WHAT THE PRESS AGENTS SAY

Starland.

The three changes of program put on at the Starland this week were well worth seeing and the popularity of this comfortable little house is increasing by all odds.

The programs were well selected and included great dramas. Among them were "The Faded Flowers," a beautiful picture story depicting an old lady's life memories brought out strongly by the picture of her youth.

"The Old Ocean" was the melodramatic adventure of a young man who sought fortune in the gold fields, but shortly after his arrival had the misfortune to lose his eyesight in an explosion. Being unable to work he became a wanderer, his only companion being a faithful dog. Finally by accident he arrived in his old town but did not know that he had returned home until he heard the old family organ, whose tones he immediately recognized after an absence of five years.

In the "Curious Bell" one could see the tremor that ran over the audience while "Comwell" tells the story of a young woman that her lover shall live.

Next Wednesday and Thursday the greatest picture attraction that our readers have ever seen, "Behind the Bars at Joliet," will be exhibited and among many other great rush the management have decided to open the doors earlier than usual.

Strathcona will Have a Theatre

The Starland Company of Edmonton have started to make preparations in Strathcona for the opening of a theatre in that city. The Starland in Edmonton has become popular by its clean and refined programs given. It is said that this theatre is to be the finest place of people in the city. This speaks enough for the management. The same programs will play two nights in Edmonton and two

nights in Strathcona. There is no doubt that the public in Strathcona will appreciate and encourage this venture.

THE STORY OF THE FIRST CENTURED SHAW PLAY.

At first it seemed that the censor had been very foolish in prohibiting the latest G. B. S., which for occult reasons is called Press Cuttings. Afterwards it came to my mind that Mr. Shaw might be correct in regarding the prohibition as an act of revenge, yet it is doubtful whether Mr. Redford could have contrived such a hendiadys. Of course we all know that the play would be produced despite the ban—this is one of the humors of the office. It was given yesterday afternoon by a society calling itself the Civic and Dramatic Guild. The censor's subtlety consisted in this that he distracted our attention during the whole performance by causing us to wonder, quite vainly, why he had refused to license the play. Curiosity as to this interfered sadly with our enjoyment of the work.

However, before dealing with Press Cuttings, I should like to refer to the fact that the programme began with a diverting one-act play entitled The Fair Arabian, and written by Mr. Mrs. Miss Sydney Colton. It is described as an old story and tells what seems like an ancient Oriental tale of a clever Arabian woman, a jealous husband, and a famous philosopher. It is handled rather naively, with a touch of amateurishness, yet quite brightly and cleverly; too much depends upon the point of the story for it to be fair to "blow upon" it. Miss

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HOME AND SOCIETY

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erately almost to the waist line. Some lovely amethyst jewels added a further pretty touch to the toilette ensemble.

Everywhere were little groups of congenial people, sipping tea and enjoying a quiet gossip, the large den, most of its kind, being at all times a popular rendezvous. In the tea room Mrs. Robert Mays and Mrs. Cornwall, both beautifully gowned, did the honors of the tea table, while Mrs. William Lines, a charming young matron, served the tea. Miss Kathleen Pace, Miss Addie Belcher and the Misses Webster assisted.

The table arrangement was an effective employment of a handsome brass candelabrum, the candles having little crimson and dull brass square shades, whose lights were reflected again in the mirror base, which rested on a fine lace centerpiece. The simplicity of the scheme was admirable.

To enumerate who were there would take up too much space. Among out-of-town guests, however, were Mrs. Darling, who came with her sister, Mrs. Frederic Jamieson, a noticeably modish and very pretty woman, Miss Millar of Weta-kiwin, and the Misses Watson.

Mrs. McPherson, formerly of Edmonton, is spending three weeks in town, and is at present the guest of Mrs. Braithwaite.

Among out-of-town visitors to the Capital during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Douglas of Banff.

I have been kept more than busily employed during the past two weeks keeping track of brides and their receptions. Another young matron to make her way to Edmonton social circles on Thursday, was Mrs. How and Ritchie of McKay avenue, who received a great many callers on that afternoon and faced the ordeal of making new friends in a strange city with simple dignity and grace.

The young hostess was beautifully gowned in clinging white satin, trimmed with seed pearls and softest chiffon, being assisted in welcoming her guests by Mrs. Holland Ross.

The drawing-room was prettily decorated with white carnations, while the tea room was a poem in green and white, a great bowl of palms, filling the sunlit room, while the table was centered with a large bowl of bride roses and fern, a dome-shaped green-shaded chandelier hanging long white satin streamers, twined with smilax suspended to the four corners where they ended in big bunches of delicate green and white.

Mrs. Alex. Butchart served, tra Mrs. Fred Morgan the coffee, while Miss MacNamara and Miss Cameron were two attentive assistants.

Mrs. Ritchie will receive in future on the fourth Thursday of the month.

I was to see "Madame Satan" on

Wednesday night. I think some of you would have been. There was a great chasm of empty seats, and surely the play and players deserve better at our hands. I have been to see much-heralded stars perform ere now, where the acting was very much inferior. You are looking for an evening with clever folk—go to see Madame Satan. If you think one or two of a cast of five or six, nothing remarkable, you will get your money's worth, every penny of it, from the two principals, at least. There's no use talking, we've got to patronize the best that comes to us better, or so hungry for play-acting. And lastly, will ally young things who took their quizes with them on Wednesday, kindly leave them at home where doubtless they are more appreciated, next time. They have yet to learn when and how to use them.

Another tea attracted a large coterie of guests at the social hour on Friday last, when Mrs. Charles May was "At Home" to her friends. The day was quite brisk enough to make a cup of tea and a chat particularly acceptable and amid the pleasant surroundings of Mrs. May's comfortable rooms, the guests seemed to find the time passing all too quickly.

The hostess was wearing a smart frock of embroidered cream net over taffeta, while Mrs. Alex. May, who assisted her was in handsome black lace and an old-rose satin picture hat.

In the tea room Mrs. W. A. Brown, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Cooper did the honors, from a table charmingly arranged with tall pink gladioli in a crystal vase on a mirror base, the edge outlined with smilax and pink asters, while dainty pink Dresden shell shaded candles added their attractive touch. Assisting were the Misses Stocks, Murphy, Belcher, Richardson, Pace, and Vera May, daughter of Mrs. Alex. May, and Miss Alex. May, the soon-to-be debutante daughter of the house.

Pretty little Dot May, most fascinating child-bride that was, opened the door.

Prior to the last guest's departure Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. May's mother, dropped in for a few moments and enjoyed a chat with some old personal friends.

Among the visitors present were Mrs. H. C. Wilson's sister, a charming and very smartly dressed visitor from Toronto, Mrs. Burkhardt, a pretty recent bride, and Mrs. Race's sister, Miss Ashwell.

There is to be another huge ball early next month, a military affair, dated November 9th, the king's birthday. It will be the first of a series of annual balls given by the two regiments under the patronage of the Westward Ho Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, to take the place of the Empire Day yearly dance, hitherto given by that organization. Needless to add it is to be a very smart affair indeed, and will take place in the Thistle rink, still gaily en fête with the Vice Regal decorations so lovingly placed frocks will again have a chance to display themselves, and the

hearts of the debutantes beat high with happiest anticipations.

The members of the Quadrille Club of A Squadron, 19th Alberta Mounted Rifles, held the first of a series of monthly dances in the separate school hall on Wednesday evening. These are to be given in aid of the squadron fund. I am indebted to the committee for a very kind invitation to be present but regret that I was unable to avail myself of it.

PEGGY.

An Entertaining Bill at the Empire

A bill varied enough to suit every taste was presented at the Empire, for the first three days of this week. W. S. Harvey has a novel act termed "The room upside down," in which he balances on his chin everything from a paper cone to an oak bed. A good story are Jarvis, Mann and Juranda, and their singing, solo and harmony was splendid.

Swift and Casey are eccentric musical comedians and extract sweet music from all sorts and conditions of instruments.

Miss Pinckston had a very catchy song this week and was as always one of the most popular turns. The headline attraction was provided by the Leon Morris' animal circus. It comprised a troupe of leaping greyhounds, Dolly, a diving monkey, a troupe of drilling ponies and John Hedge and the two wrestling ponies. A splendid half hour performance was put on, and the animals showed as much intelligence as some human beings.

Moving pictures will be the attraction for the remainder of this week.

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Astray

Whither my wayward bark is blown
I do not know.
I build my campfire on the sand
And watch it glow.

I see the faces in the flame
Burn forth and fade.
While threatening shadows black
With dread z
My peace invade.

Soon I shall sleep beneath the stars
And haply rest,
And with another sun go forth
To some new quest.

—Peter McArthur.

The Confessions of a Scribbler

I could be very happy if everyone would just leave me alone this morning. I am in a working mood and my desk looks as if destruction had overtaken it. But even surrounding confusion has no power to rob me of my inward exhilaration, just at this moment at least, for the prospect stretches out before me of at least two hours of sustained hard effort at my desk. Positively, I feel like a two year old fretting to be off for his first race.

Day by day of late I seem to have been living, more and more, piece-meal fashion.

I get up in the morning, planning a delightful day at my chosen work. And this is what follows:

A hurried breakfast, with probably one or two trips upstairs to the telephone, sandwiches in between bacon and marmalade.

Begins what may be anything from a ten minute to a half hour session with the sweetest of her kind. I refer to the tyrant of the house, who rules us one and all with the power, the awful, and indescribable power of her pink fist. Perhaps a dozen times as I croon all the foolish old rhymes that lulled me, her mother, and my mother and grandmother for decades past, to slumberland, I am called away to answer, "Yes." "No, I don't undertake to dispose of other people's literary contributions, not being able half the time to do as much for my own." "No." "Yes." "Good-bye."

Ding-a-ling. "No, this is 1484." "Yes, I believe she receives on Thursday." "No, I don't know who's selling tickets for Bryan's dinner." "Call up the business office," and so on.

Comes a man to the back door wanting work. My maid is too polite. Really I must insist on her looking after such wails and strays.

"Mrs. Peggy do, or dont you, put sugar in the green tomato pickle." "Ye Gods," I mutter, "what on earth do you do?"

With my mind on relishes, and my pen tracing the career of a suffragette, I write this nonsense: "Miss Spankhurst would, or could have been, a power in many walks in life, if she hadn't been so inordinately fond of green tomato pickle."

Goodness, I can't mean that! "Something seems to be happening to the spices," sounds from the kitchen, "They're curdling, or doing something." And with visions of my precious pickle gone wrong, my delicious appetizer for cold roast on winter evenings, over whose preparation I have cut stinging dents in my fingers, and added a load of impatient expletives to the already long list on my conscience, I descend, seize the offending pot and somehow,

somehow, beat the mixture into a proper frame of consistency.

Another phone call.
Girl at the front door.
Telephone again.
Lunch to be mapped out.
Have a conversation with the ice-man.

Back at work again just as the small boy arrives for his lunch, and his braces to be mended.

Call from the office. "No, my work isn't ready; won't be at the present rate till Christmas." Bobbing up of Serene Infant once more.

I am permitted with four interruptions to eat my lunch.

I have a theory that, my muse takes a holiday o' afternoons, somehow she won't, she just won't work. I guess she thinks she's a washer-lady. Their day, Western time, seems to end about 2 p.m. The rest of the ordinary working portion I believe, gets lost somewhere between here and North Bay. Don't ask me what way-station.

But even though I know that Trades Unionist Lady won't get busy, I berate her all the same.

"What are your ideas about the keeping of Hallow E'en?" I ask her. "Do you think silly pranks are out of date, or do you like old customs kept up?"

"You can't prove anything by me," she retorts; I haven't any views, I'm not old-style myself because I keep modern up-to-date hours, and I don't care whether school keeps or not so long as I don't have to work overtime." You see, I can't do anything with a silly, obstinate girl like that, and so I try my hand at writing letters.

I get as far as "My Dear, I never seem to get a moment," when the little devil-machine in the hall goes off again.

"Come to tea?"

"My dear, I can't. I've got enough work—oh, yes, I will."

I return to put away a few of my loose papers, meditating the while on the fatality of any good intentions. With all the laudable resolution, in the world, I long for work. Honest in my desire to accomplish something I seem to be steadily employed in frittering existence, life itself, away. In front of me I have a motto, "O do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men," etc.

Is this, then, an easy life? Is this gnat-like buzzing about worthy occupation for a woman with a soul?

I give it up.

Some dim, far-away time I have visions of serious working hours, without interruption. Conceive the bliss of it!

For the present, I must even be a philosopher. Perhaps out of the seeming chaos and confusion, good will come.

It comes to me more and more that participation in, rather than quiet seclusion from, the petty annoyances and common experiences of the ordinary mortal is what produces the extra-ordinary man and woman. The majority of us have rather vague and strange ideas as to how final attainment of success in most walks of life is eventually brought about.

A great man must surely always have evinced outward and visible marks of his genius. This idea of being set apart and sanctified, in a sense, is an almost universal one. I remember that, as a child, and dining with a great actress, I was distinctly shocked to see that she exhibited a normal, heal-

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Through all the snow-white
lingth av thim.

I dreamed av gurls as angels,
lad,

Wid all their wistful, holy ways,
To leave you tremblin' when you
had,

A word with thim . . . in older
days!

Put now I've learned me top-sail
lore

And roved the sea from rim to
rim.

I seldom wait and quake before
The soft and snow white lingth
av thim!

For when the gurls love you well,
me lad,

They're true to nayther law nor
lether;

And when they're most disheart-
enin' bad,

Ye learn to love such angels
better!

—

A friend sends me the follow-
ing and says: "It's worse than
at Edmonton." There is always
room for difference of opinion.

Minneapolis, Minn. — Bullets
have been buzzing past the heads
of farmers living near or passing
the Fort Snelling rifle range from
the shooting of the troops station-
ed there, that has made it
mighty unpleasant for the agri-
culturist and a complaint has been
lodged against the practice.

Tidings of warfare have been
brought to the city by H. C. Peterson,
a farmer who lives within
eighty rods of the range, and he
held a consultation with County
Attorney Albert J. Smith concern-
ing the matter. The conference
resulted in a protest being drawn
up which will be sent to Wash-
ington, asking Uncle Sam to call
off the troops from menacing the
farmers' lives.

Shows Several Bullets

Mr. Peterson told County At-
torney Smith that it was unsafe
for man or beast within five miles
of the range where the troops
were shooting. In telling Mr.
Smith about the range Mr. Peterson
produced several bullets he
had picked up on his farm.

"They call my place the battle-
field out my way," he said.

"Why don't you tell the com-
mandant at Fort Snelling that the
range practice is endangering
your lives?" asked the county at-
torney.

"Once I did tell him over the
phone. He told me to come over
and see him, but when I took my
life in my hands and went he
wouldn't see me."

"Are you sure that the things
you hear buzzing through the air
are bullets?" inquired Mr. Smith.

"They might have been bees."

Cyclone Cellar Saves Lives

"Bees!" said Mr. Peterson.

"Bees!" Why, there ain't a bee
big enough to buzz within five
miles of that range. They're all
dead, cut down by the bullets.

And if it wasn't for cyclone cellars
we'd all be dead, too. We can't
work our fields; we can't tend our
stock. Only last Monday my two
hired men, E. W. Brown and E.
Sjodin, were driven from the
fields into trenches back of the
hill on my farm.

"And say, the regulars aren't in
it with the militia. Last Sunday
a Minneapolis regiment turned
loose on the range. I and my
family were away. When I came
home I picked four bullets out of
the front door, to say nothing of
the cow."

"Even the milk pail was punctured. Come out to my house
Sunday and look the ground over.
Talk to Henry Hoover and some
of the other boys about the pro-
miscuous shooting."

The reason some people live
longest, is, that the longer they
live the better they know how to
keep out of trouble. How many
men if they had only known
enough, when they proposed
would have held it in till to-mor-
row, and then perhaps never have
committed it at all. There are
more deaths occurring every year
from the gun going off that wasn't
loaded than there are caused by
hose loaded to the muzzle. Then
they say there's no such thing as
chance; if not, I should like to
know really who does manage all
these things for us, for life, looked
at many ways, is more like play-
ing tag or blind man's buff than
most other things. We are most
of us mighty good prophets after
things have been and gone, and
done themselves, usually to our
detriment. It is a mercy that
some fertile mind has conceived a
"God of things as they ought to
be," which seems to be the nearest
to which we can arrive at de-
finitely.

—

And yet, to upset this way of
looking at things, Emerson says:

"That the world was built in
order."

And the atoms march in time;
Rhyme the pipe, and Time the
warrior.

The sun obeys them, and the
moon."

—

This is all right if some one
would tell us in time which law
the sun is going to obey, and do
certain things, and when the moon
will also act according to order.
Because when many things go
wrong now they will tell us its
sc hot in some seasons because
there are spots on the sun, or else
something has been happening to
the moon. I want to know who
orders these spots on the sun and
who made the rules for the moon,
for if we were put here to be in-
fluenced by these orders it is only
fair that we should know some-
thing about them so that we could
regulate our ways.

—

As it is there is so much chance
in it, but perhaps, that's what
makes a certain fascination in life,
and if we knew too much or saw
what was coming we wouldn't do
very much. So when we go to
play a game there is always uncer-
tainty as to who will win, if we
make love to a girl, there is a
glorious uncertainty as to what
she is really like after we have
married her; if we settle in Alber-
ta there is a lovely uncertainty
about whether a railroad will
come our way or not, so we don't
know if we shall die rich or mod-
erately poor; if we put in a crop of
wheat it's speculation for some
time as to whether a hailstorm
hits it or a snowstorm squashes it,
or frost destroys it; if we travel
about and drink water, for some
time it's speculation whether that
water contained alkali until the
doubts are rudely removed in a
hurry, then we have spasms. It's
becoming very doubtful now, if
we go fishing whether there are
any fish to catch; and if we go
shooting, if the prairie chickens
are not extinct. If we loan money
it's doubtful if we shall ever see
it again, and if we insure our-
selves, it is doubtful if, when we
die, or get burned out, the com-
pany will pay the insurance. When
along comes a financial panic the
bank in which we placed our money
for safe keeping seems to be the most
doubtful thing on

earth, just then, and so it goes
on.

—

But there are a few things to
counterbalance this, such as, if
you leave your umbrella at home
that is just when it comes a thun-
der shower; when lighting your
pipe with your last match, and
though the weather is dead calm
that is just when it starts to blow;
when you go home extra late at
night, that is just when someone
has slipped the catch on the lock
and your latch key is inside. If
someone hadn't left that piece of
banana peel on the sidewalk you
wouldn't have slipped up and
said things so that your friends
thought you had had one or two.

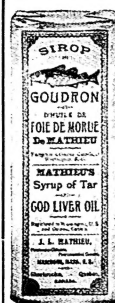
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Yes, it's the glorious uncertain-
ty of things that gives the zest to
life, and all intelligent people
have been speculating for ages
as to where they were going to
die, what they were going to do
when they die, and yet not a
single one has found anything out
or left any clue for others to fol-
low. This is possibly why hu-
manity is so fond of gambling be-
cause it's all a gamble. If it
wasn't we certainly should not
be down to sleep in a hotel that is
going to burn down in the night,
or go to sea in a ship that was
going to founder. And we are
forced to remember the story of
the bishop who, when told by the
captain of the ship, during a
storm, that everything that could
be done had been done and now
they must trust in providence, ex-
claimed:

"Good Lord, has it come to
that?"

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THE "SHEFFIELD TELEGRAPH" AND THE TORONTO GLOBE.

The Sheffield Telegraph contains an article in reply to one by Mr. J. A. Macdonald, in the Toronto Globe, form which the following passages are taken:

"It must have been the view from the Victoria Station that did it. We have been favored with a complete copy of the article by Mr. J. A. Macdonald in the Toronto Globe, an extract from which appeared in our news columns on Saturday, and we are bound to confess that, after a careful perusal of the extraordinary outburst, we can account for its libel on Sheffield in no other way.

"Frankly, the article, taken as a whole is a piece of sensationalism; and there is no more reason why Sheffield should have been singled out to make a centre-piece in the lurid picture than London or Manchester or Glasgow—unless it was that the Imperial press delegates had the misfortune to see Sheffield at its worst.

"Mr. Macdonald says that the thing that impressed him most was the 'bloodless, mirthless, hopeless faces of the common crowd.' He speaks of the human sediment that littered the doorways and lanes in places like Portsmouth, and 'crowded out of mind all thought of Britain's glory.'

"Now, it is unhappily true that there is a great deal of 'human sediment' to be found in our cities sadly too much of it. But Mr. Macdonald's description of it is strangely over-decorated. We think we know something of the common crowd, however—at least, of the Sheffield variety. We have seen a few. And we ask anybody who has ever watched a Sheffield crowd, whether it had gathered to witness a Royal procession, or to welcome a popular hero, to hear a political speech, or even to listen to a brass band, whether 'mirthless' is an adjective that could truthfully be applied to it.

"The most striking characteristic of a Sheffield crowd is its good humor. The men and women comprising it may be poor; they may even be of inferior physique; but listless and apathetic they certainly are not. And we do not think they would have seemed so to Mr. J. A. Macdonald if he had made one of the crowd instead of flitting through it in a motor-car.

"The concluding paragraphs suggest that the object of the article is to flatter Canadian self-esteem; and that object is attained by painting Sheffield and other places very black in order that Toronto may seem all the whiter by way of contrast.

"Thus we are told that 'at the heart of the wretchedness and poverty and disease of the British slum is the drunkenness of the people.' There is, of course, no drunkenness in Canada. To a Canadian nothing is more shocking than to look into a typical public-house.

"Then we read of Canada as the hope of the slum children, and of the 'cleaner social conditions' that obtain there. We are told that between Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace—about a mile as the crow flies—'there are more liquor-selling places, more and filthier, than in the whole of Toronto.'

"There is much more in the same strain—the strain of the Pharisee in the parable. Mr. Macdonald persistently raises the whites of his eyes towards heaven and thanks his stars that Canada is not as other countries are, especially the Mother Country.

"According to him, the main business of the Mother Country seems to be 'breeding weaklings'

Next Week's Great Gathering

The greatest gathering of S. S. workers ever held in the West will convene in Edmonton on Thursday and Friday of next week, October 28th and 29th. The programme is a particularly strong one, the day sessions being taken up largely with conferences on live topics instead of set addresses. The presence of Marion Lawrence, probably the most noted S. S. field worker in the world, and Prof. Excell, the famous chorus leader and musical composer, will also add very much to the interest of the convention. The day sessions will be held in the First Presbyterian church and the evening sessions in the 'Thistle' rink. At each of the evening sessions Mr. Lawrence, who is an excellent platform speaker, will deliver an address on a topic of world-wide interest. The music at all sessions will be in charge of Prof. Excell. At these evening sessions there will be a massed chorus of five hundred voices. From present indications there will be from one hundred and fifty to two hundred delegates from outside points of the province. The south will be well represented, large numbers coming from Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and other points. The delegates from the south will arrive on special cars attached to the train which reaches Strathcona at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27th.

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JASPER'S NOTE BOOK.

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P. officials during the summer being fulfilled the situation is a serious and unpleasant one. The towns in Alberta along the G. T. P. would now be doing a large business with this city if traffic facilities were available. Instead, however, their orders are all going to Winnipeg. The talk on the street is that the railway is delaying

the service simply to avoid paying interest on its bonds, which it becomes liable for only when operation commences. If this is the case, pressure should be immediately brought to bear from a public standpoint such a state of affairs is intolerable. Should not the Board of Trade get busy?

The agreement with the C. P. R. over the high level bridge passed the council at Wednesday's meeting and will be submitted to the ratepayers on November 18th. Both footpaths and both street railway tracks are provided for, so that the cost stands at the original figure. The general entrance agreement is also made part of that for the traffic deck. This, strange to say, was insisted on by the civic representatives. I am convinced that the council has made a serious mistake in both of these decisions. People generally are quite prepared to pay a good price for the traffic deck but they do think that in the city's dealings with the railway over the general question of entrance it has made a mess of things. As for the proposed reduction in the cost, it would not have been an economical one, even looking at the matter in the light of the remote future, for these additional facilities could be easily added later, while the extra expenditure might easily be just enough to cause the defeat of the whole proposition. It is a big undertaking under any circumstances and it is poor policy, with so many demands upon us, to spend a cent now that can just as well be spent ten years hence without the interests of the municipality suffering. We want our money for too many things that cannot wait, for us to devote it at the present stage to those which can.

The speculative side of the Government issue of South African Land Grants has been overlooked since the boom last February. When it is considered that a man or woman may take up either 320 or 640 acres with about the present price of \$55000 seems low. The market price, both locally and in Winnipeg, has been advancing gradually for the last six weeks, and

will probably work higher as very few are offered at present quotations. The total number of warrants used up to October 11 was 2500, an increase of 70 since the 4th, inst.

Market gossip from McMillan and Vollans, Winnipeg, to J. C. Biggs & Co.



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MUSIC AND DRAMA

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Aimee de Burgh represented the woman delightfully. What a queer place our stage is when an actress of such charm and talent is rarely seen, whilst many actresses of far less natural and acquired qualities seem always with us.

The Mind of Shaw.

Press Cuttings is a sort of Olla Podrida, the main ingredients of which are Shaw upon compulsory military service, Shaw upon the German invasion scare, and Shaw upon the suffragette question. So far as the question of political personalities is concerned, it does not approach the fierceness of Josephine, by Mr. Farquhar, and Mr. Shaw may well wonder whether gross patriarchy has not been shown though probably poor Mr. Redford is innocent and has merely obeyed orders. I have an idea that the piece will have a charge of being somewhat indelicate urged against it, but one cannot deal trenchantly with current opinions, one cannot play the Aristophanes and always write in a tone that is suitable for breaking up parties at young ladies' schools. A waspish little about ladies underclothing and another unnecessary remark about the charwoman's husband and his want of self-control might be omitted, but they do little harm. It is difficult to describe the scheme of the piece but an effort must be made. It is supposed to pass three years hence. The central figure is Mitchener of the army council. In order to combat the suffragettes' martial law has been proclaimed in London. The generalissimo is a person referred to as Old Red and never seen. Owing to his influence, a compulsory military service exists, no doubt a reference to General Roberts is intended. Mitchener is on the boards throughout the play, everybody can guess the person referred to by the name, but the make-up of Mr. Lorraine, with a Wellington nose, a big moustache, mottled cheeks, and a black red face, is merely a suggestion not of an individual, but of the general type of choleric stupid military officer. When the play opens it finds Mitchener in a nervous state about the suffragettes. This orderly is an unfortunate barber's apprentice, reluctantly compelled to be a soldier, a comic Cockney fellow, who thinks himself lowered in the sight of his friends in his uniform, who has no objections to fighting, but hates "soldiering" as being a silly waste of time spent in dressing up and learning needless things. It is announced by the orderly that a Suffragette has passed through the military cordon, and he chanced herself to the door-scraper. The suffragette is brought in, hastily undressed, and proves to be the prime minister, who has adopted this disguise in order to get away from Downing Street to the war office in safety. Basquith, of course, is a compound name, a sort of Lewis Carroll mixture of Balfour and Asquith but there is little of anything in the character and less in the make-up, to suggest either of them, and certainly no offence. They discuss the state of things, and the peril from the suffragettes. Mitchener has a perfectly simple prescription for all difficulties, summed up in the three words, "shoot him down," the "him" sometimes being "her" and sometimes "them." I ought to stop and say that Mr. Robert Lorraine gave a magnificent performance in the part. It is of enormous length, but he never faltered. He imported into his voice the gruffness of a military man accustomed to shout orders in the open air. He has caught the military style and the military manners. I do not think any dramatist was ever served better by an actor. Poor Basquith could not accept the shooting down proposition because of the electors who would be disgusted. Even the idea of passing a bill suppressing parliament and putting the government of the country into the hands of a military council

does not appeal to him. It should be remembered that there are no references to the king, nor any, so far as I recollect, to the House of Lords. In fact, the government seems to be carried on exclusively by the commons.

A deputation of ladies from the Anti-Suffragist League is announced. Basquith goes out to interview them and there comes a quarrel scene between the general and the war office charwoman, Mrs. Farrell, who is partly acted by Miss Agnes Thomas. Mrs. Farrell is a woman with a precious common-sense which blows aside mysteries and puzzles. She apparently is chosen as mouth-piece of the suffragettes, and vigorously exhibits to the amazed Mitchener the fallacy of some of his views, pointing out that the women in childbirth runs greater risk than the soldier on the battlefield and for a better object, and that the men are soldiers because the loss of men in war is less injurious to the population than would be the loss of a corresponding number of women. Her logic paralyses Mitchener. Afterwards the deputation appears, it consists of Mrs. Banger, in a urticaria uniform, and Lady Cornitha, a chaw, gorgeously gowned and seductive. Mrs. Banger is a ferocious person, who believes in compulsory military service for women, and despises suffragettes as being too sentimental and inefficient. She strictly disdains Mitchener by her views, so it acts rid of her, finding her more ferociously unwomanly than the militant suffragettes. Lady Cornitha is even more appalling to him. She is a prodigious coquette, is a kind of fraudulent grand amoureuse. According to her, the great power of the universe is feminine charm, as perit, female weakness. She thinks that the world knows that women are wiser than men and wishes to be governed by them. According to her fanciful reasoning, the Safe law was passed because men guessed that if there were female rulers they would be swayed by lovers, whilst by excluding women from sovereignty, their dominion is secured by their influence over male sovereigns. Poor old Mitchener who is a bit straight-laced, is shocked by all this and converted to the idea that female suffrage would be a wise thing; yet he thinks that it ought not to be granted because the women are asking for it, since "the one condition on which we can consent to grant anything in this country is that no body shall presume to ask for it."

Several Sides

Suddenly news arrives that Old Red has been subdued by Mrs. Banger, and asked her to marry him because "he has met his ideal at last, a really soldierly woman." Upon this Mitchener adopts a desperate course, he thinks that the land may be ruled by the rule of Mrs. Banger, and he knows "only one woman in the country whose practical ability and force of character can maintain her husband in competition with the husband of Mrs. Banger," and this is Mrs. Farrell, to whom he offers marriage. She declines him at first on these simple grounds—that she would have to work for him just as she had to work for the war office, and she could not get any wages for it. In the end, despite some reluctance, she accepts him; whilst Lady Cornitha becomes the Egeria of Basquith, who indicates very clearly that their relations are not to be quite irreproachable.

Of course this bald account leaves out the greater part of the piece and does not do justice to it. Broadly speaking, it is a kind of sassy skit, strangely uneven, at times rather humble in humor and wit, at times brilliant in both, and on the whole, maintaining a fairly high level. It would be better if shorter and carefully revised. To criticize its form, or want of form, and its extravagance, is to exhibit ignorance of its character, for it is one of two or three modern stage efforts to find a vehicle by means of which the philosopher and moralist can lash some of the follies of the age. To ask for a story is to seek the impossible, and one may be grateful that the author has succeeded in putting upon the stage such

a solidly and finely constructed character as General Mitchener. The work exhibits richly the author's gift for representing without substantial injustice several sides of a question. Indeed, if nothing more were known, of G. B. S. and his views than can be discovered from Press Cuttings, there might be handsome quarrels as to what is his attitude in the matters—nor, rather, two of them—for he mercilessly derides the German war scare in a fashion that indicates clearly what he thinks of it. The political aspect of the piece is no business of mine. Regarded as an experiment in drama, I may say that, whilst regretting that greater labor has not been bestowed upon it, and that some of the extravagances have not been toned down, it is interesting and amusing, and has the great quality of making people think. No one who has not reached the period of crystallization can hear it without reconsidering some of his opinions, and despite its lack of form it is a valuable contribution to intellectual drama. I ought to add that Mr. Ernest Cushman presents the orderly quite cleverly, that Mr. Leon Quatermaine played tactfully and with much quiet humor as Basquith, and that Miss Ethelwyn Jones acted with a good deal of skill and no little charm in the character of Lady Cornitha. The Civic and Dramatic Guild is giving another performance of the play on Monday—E. P. S. in the Westminster Gazette.

THE MIRROR

(Continued from Page Nine)

My appetite. I had cherished the idea that persons of genius merely nibbled. Luminous literary lights too, on close acquaintance, I find, eat, drink, and are merry and have their worries like the rest of us. No, indeed, they and their children might be very readily mistaken for common Mr. and Mrs. Brown and their hopefuls, for "the boy with the far-away look in his eye," of the Luminous Literary's most successful novel, who radiates a sense of destiny and namelike prophecies of his own future greatness, in no wise suggests himself in the person of Master Luminous Lit, who has chubby cheeks and holes in his stockings, and who worries father for another pair of boots and a catching mitt.

The story-book and the real world are miles and miles apart, and men and women have to get down and off their pedestals and enter the rough and tumble of the game, if they are ever going to accomplish anything worth while.

A week or so ago, the editor of this paper, referring to the death of Gov. Johnston, of Minnesota, who recently died, emphasized this. He was a man with common perplexities, and uncommon set-backs, who, throwing himself into the thick of the fight, gazed the open air beyond. If he had attempted to secure a quiet retreat without engaging in warfare, he would have been crowded. There's always room at the top, and the bottom; such a man couldn't remain at the bottom, there was only one thing for it. The game, and the elbow room beyond.

And so I comfort myself that the hurly burly of the present is fitting me for something better in the future, and that even tomato pickles, and telephone calls have their uses in helping to realize that end.

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